



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Kenneth S. Wheelock
Serial Number: 09/777,329
Filed: February 5, 2001
Examiner: J. Mooneyham
Art Unit: 3629
Title: A BUSINESS METHOD FOR RESERVING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS IN MATERIALS OR ARTICLES CLAIMED IN PATENTS

Mail Stop - Non-Fee Amendment
Honorable Commissioner of Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Examiner's Action mailed August 10, 2006 entry of the instant amendment is respectfully requested. No new claims are presented. Accompanying this preliminary amendment is a request for continued examination and a petition for a three month extension of time extending the time for response to February 10, 2007. The statutory period for response expires Saturday February 10, 2007. Since the time for response expires on a Saturday, the time for response is extended to Monday February 12, 2007. Authorization to pay the appropriate fees is enclosed.

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 CFR 1.8a)

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the: Commissioner of Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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Date: February 12, 2007